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1. Indications are that the entire Scientific-Technical Bureau of the Ministry for Heavy Machinery (NTO/MTM) will be dissolved by the end of 1949. Some technical personnel have already received notice and some sections such as administration, stores, files, etc. are making preparations either to move or to close down.

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2. The turbine construction department has been transferred to the area of the Bergmann-Borsig people-owned factory, Berlin-Wilhelmsruh, Lindenallee. The laboratories of this department are still at the NTO/MTM, Berlin-Niederschönhausen, Mahnschaffenstr. 10, but are being dismantled and probably will be reassembled on the premises of Bergmann-Borsig. The turbine construction department has been taken over by the main administration "Energie" of the Deutsche Wirtschaftskommission and is being financed by it. The Russian chief of the turbine construction department since 1945 has been engineer Major Lazarenko, the only Russian officer who was able to maintain his position for such a long time. He has a good command of the technical details of gas and steam turbines and is considered an expert in this field. In 1945, he was in charge of the dismantling of the AEG turbine factory in Berlin-Moabit, where he did a very thorough job.

3. The employees of the Technological Department (German Chief Franzke) expect to receive notice on 1 October 1949. Rumor has it, however, that the entire department will be moved into another Russian Construction Bureau in Berlin-Treptow in order to complete a special project ordered by a Russian Ministry. Since this project is said to be the last task of the Russian Construction Bureau in Berlin-Treptow, it is generally assumed that all Russian Construction Bureaus will be dissolved by the end of this year. * The Department for Rolling Mill Installations is expected to remain with the NTO/MTM until December 1949.

4. The rooms vacated by the various departments of the NTO/MTM will be turned over to the Deutsche Verwaltung des Innern (DVDI) which intends to use them for the expansion of the police officer training school.**

5. Russian officers of the NTO/MTM, who with their families were quartered in the villas in the immediate vicinity of the NTO/MTM, are to be moved into four-story apartment houses on Muehlenstrasse, Berlin-Pankow.

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** Comment: In April 1949, House No.4 of the NTO/MTM had to be turned over to the DVDI, which established a police officer training school there.

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